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Re: U.S. Serial No. 09/749,589; filed December 28, 2000  
Entitled "ISOLATED HUMAN TRANSPORTER PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID  
MOLECULES ENCODING HUMAN TRANSPORTER PROTEINS, AND  
USES THEREOF"  
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A response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on  
March 22, 2002 in the above-identified application follows, together with a Statement  
Regarding Duty of Disclosure. No fee is due for this filing.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Statement Regarding Duty to Disclose Information Material To  
Patentability Under 37 CFR 1.56 (a) and (b)**

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Sir:

This statement is to inform the United States of Patent and Trademark Office that Applicants and their representative have made a good faith effort in searching prior art relating to this invention.

No prior art material to patentability of the present invention has been found. The closest information associated with the invention is disclosed in Figures 1 and 2 in the top BLAST search results. However, this information, by itself or in combination with other information, does not constitute a prima facie case of unpatentability of any of the pending claims. Thus, it does not defeat the novelty of the present invention and the actual underlying references for the top BLAST hits are not being provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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